New DoD Password Requirements

Effective 1 July 2006, all users of DCPDS production systems, including HR, CSU and CMIS-R, must follow DoD policy requiring the use of complex password authentication, which defines that passwords must:

- contain a minimum of nine (9) characters

- consist of a mixture of at least two (2) lowercase letters, two (2) uppercase letters, two (2) numbers, and two (2) special characters

- be changed every 60 days

Passwords created or changed on a production system after the load of Patch 61.4, 18 June 2006, will be required to follow the above rules. Beginning 1 July 2006 any user who attempts to access a DCPDS system, and who <u>has not</u> changed their password since 18 June 2006, will be required to change their password before accessing the system.

Users are encouraged to begin changing their passwords as soon as possible <u>after 18 June 2006.</u>